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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

Under the first to invent system of the U.S. patent practice, it is possible to use a dated research notebook as an evidence for establishing the priority date, and a dated housekeeping book can be used as a record of disbursement for the final income tax return, for example. On the other hand, in conjunction with the increasing utilization of a PC on a daily basis, it has become popular to keep a daily record such as the research notebook and the housekeeping book by using a PC.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 5, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a folder type time stamping system by which can regularly acquire a time stamp certificate for digital documents from a reliable third party agency for the purpose of establishing a date and time and to keep them digital documents on PCs can be used as records with a daily log similarly as similar to the research notebook and the housekeeping book, whereby by regularly acquiring the time stamp certificate for the digital documents from a reliable third party agency for the purpose of the existence proof, and the digital document documents with the time stamp creation log can be utilized in a form of a recording medium at a time of proving to prove the date and time to a third person.